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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/720,187	Applicant(s) NAKAYA, MASAhide	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Hoan H. Tran. (3) _____.

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Date of Interview: 20 December 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 13,26 and 32.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hirst et al. [US 6,445,902].

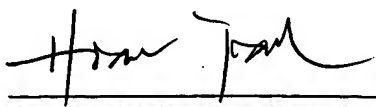
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendment to the independent claims. Applicant's representative explained the distinction between the invention and the cited prior art; i.e., first and second power levels applied to the heat source during startup and operation modes. Further review and consideration upon receipt of amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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